street lighting poles which were broken were replaced by new ones. No street lighting mains are lying on the road side.

Schooling facilities are also available in these colonies. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi is running primary school in every resettlement colony or in its neighbourhood and no child is refused admission in the schools nor is any such school being run in tents in any resettlement colony.

Besides, the Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration has been providing educational facilities and running 72 schools in these colonies.

The Slum and JJ Department of DDA being in overall charge of these colonies coordinates between various agencies regarding these colonies. This Ministry has also set up a Coordination Committee consisting of Secretary (Land & Building), Delhi Administration, Vice Chairman, DDA and Commissioner, MCD to bring about proper coordination and remove bottlenacks with a view to ensuring of optimum development by various agancies.

Delay in announcement of AI Boeing crash on AIR and Doordarshan

408. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the All India Radio and the Doordarshan announced the recent crash of ill-fated Air India's Boeing 747 "Kanishka" almost seven hours after the tradegy and that too without proper details; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Indication on the air was first received in the news rooms of AIR and Doordarshan around 1500 hrs. (IST). The first announcement was broadcast as lead story over the AIR in the 1600 hrs news bulletin which is the scheduled bulletin immediately thereafter. The regular Doordarshan telecasts begin late in the evening and the first announcement in the form of a special bulletin was telecast on Channel-I at 7.30 p.m. and also in the regular 7.30 p.m. bulletin on Channel-II. Doordarshan also made efforts immediately to obtain visuals through the satellite. These efforts fructified late. The visuals were telecast in the 23.30 bulletin.

As and when more details of the air crash were received they were included in the subsequent news bulletins of AIR at 1700 hrs in Hindi, 1705 hrs in English, 1800 hrs in English and 1805 hrs in Hindi. The sports bulletins of 1900 hrs (Hindi) and 2000 hrs (English) and news bulletins of 1930 hrs. (Hindi) and 2115 hrs. (English) of AIR were converted into general bulletins only to carry the air crash story. Meanwhile efforts were going on to ascertain names of the passengers of the ill-fated plane and these details were broadcast at 200 hrs.

C.B.I. cases against DDA officials

409. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state.

(a) what is the number of cases involving DDA officials that were registered by the CBI for enquiries from 1971 to 1983;

(b) the number of cases where the CBI has recommended penalties stating the nature of the penalty recommended and the status of the DDA official concerned;

(c) the number of cases in which the recommended penalties were awarded to the official concerned;

(d) what are the reasons for not awarding the penalties in the remaining cases; and

(e) what is the number of cases investigated by the CBI in which departmental inquiries are still pending stating the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) According to DDA during the period 1971 to 1983 the C.B.I. registered 94 cases for inquiries.

(b) to (e) A Statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 7].

Shortage of drinking water due to drought in Bundelkhand, U.P.

410. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of drinking water and unprecedented drought conditions prevailing in Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh virtually driving the inhabitants to starvation; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government stating the nature and the quantum of the Central assistance given to the State Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) In the Memorandum submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh on 18th May, 1985, drought conditions were reported in 26 districts of the State, due to scanty rainfall during the period November, 1984 to March, 1985. The problem of drinking water was also reported in 43 districts of the State.

A ceiling of Central assistance of Rs. 51.78 crores has been sanctioned for drought relief measures. This includes Rs. 8.88 crores for Drinking Water Programme both in Rural areas and Urban areas and Rs. 23.45 crores for Employment Generation Programme.

Since administration of relief expenditure is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, it is for the State Government to make district-wise allocation under each head of relief.

Convention of agriculturists on Agricultural Prices

411. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the Kisan Organisations for holding a natural convention of agricultural producers, members of the Central Price Commission and the officials of the Agriculture Ministry before prices of agricultural commodities are determined every year; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) No specific proposal of this nature has been received. However, the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices have already evolved a system of consultations with State Government, farmers' organisations and other concerned interests before formulating their price proposals.

Damage to Sugarcane crop

412. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey with regard to the damage suffered by the sugarcane crop in large parts of the country due to pyrilla; and